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Characters

Agari
Yamato

Vice

Ultimo

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Kyoto in the 12th Century. A bandit named Yamato encounters a mysterious man named Dunstan and two Karakuri Dôji who embody ultimate good and evil.

West Tokyo in the 21st Century. Yamato is reborn and reencounters the good dôji Ultimo, leading to the Hundred Machine Funeral—the ultimate good between good and evil that Dunstan has been plotting. During the battle between good and evil that Dunstan has been plotting, but this time as battle, Yamato goes out of control and turns back time, but this time as well, his companions fall one after the other. What's more, Sayana and the other three girls have become new dôji masters. At last, the Hundred Machine Funeral is at hand!!

The Story Thus Far

Sayana
Makoto

Matsunoto
Ryosei

Pardonnet
embodiment of Patience

Otake
Akiteru

Slow
embodiment of Willpower

Quine
Hibari

Rage
embodiment of Wrath

Milieu
embodiment of Moderation

Dunstan

Murayama
Murasaki

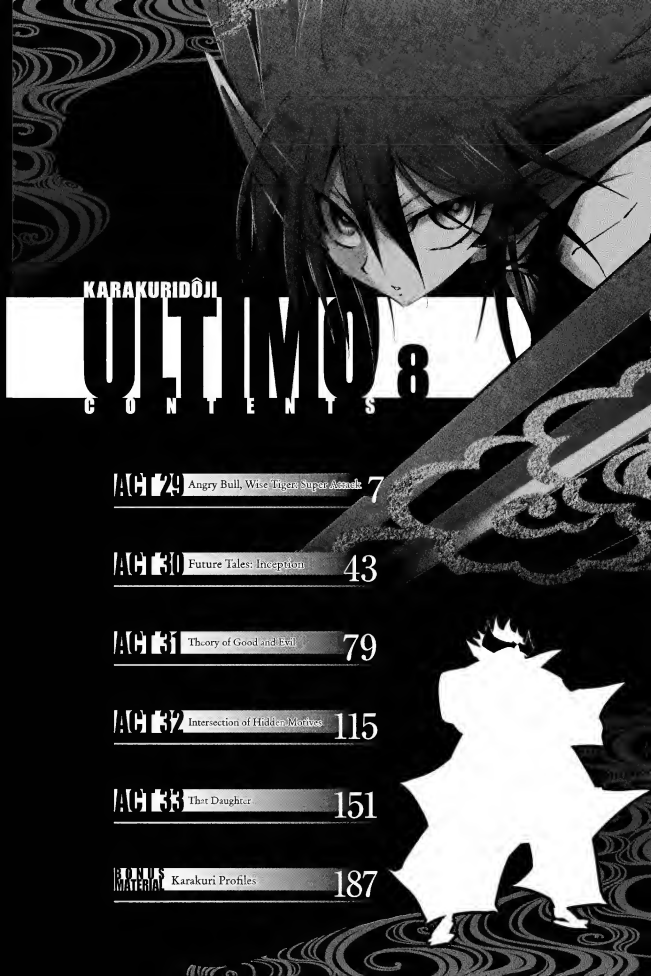
Sophia
embodiment of Wisdom

Chichibu
Jun

Kodaira
Rune

Jealousy
embodiment of Envy

Gauge
embodiment of Concentration



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WELCOME,
MEMBERS OF
THE CLUB OF
GOOD D&J!...
MURAYAMA
MUSASHI AND
SOPHIA.

...OR WOULD
YOU RATHER
DUKE IT OUT
JUMP-STYLE
WITH RAGE?

I'M
GLAD...

...YOU
ACTUALLY
CAME TO
MY STUDIO.

DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA,
FUSSA
FUSSA-
TARO.

I'M NOT
INTERESTED
IN WHAT
SOME LOSER
HAS TO SAY.

SONEY
MUSIC

OKAY,
SHALL WE
PICK UP
WHERE
WE LEFT
OFF...

ACT 29
ANGRY BULL, WISE TIGER:
SUPER ATTACK

SINCE
YOU ARE IN
THE WAY,
I CAME TO
ELIMINATE
YOU AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

I'M ONLY
HERE TO
CAPTURE
DUNSTAN.

KSHAK



FINE
WITH
ME.

I COULD
MARKET
YOU,
MURAYAMA
MUSASHI.

STRAIGHT
TO THE
BATTLE,
HUH?



ACT 29 ANGRY BULL, WISE TIGER:
SUPER ATTACK





IT'S
IRRITATING.

HE CAME
FOR A
FIGHT,
SO LET'S
RUMBLE.

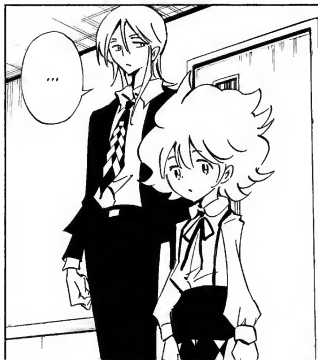


I TOLD
YOU, WE
CAN'T KILL
THEM.

WAIT,
WAIT,
WAIT!



CUT THE
STUPID
CHIT-CHAT,
FUSATARO.

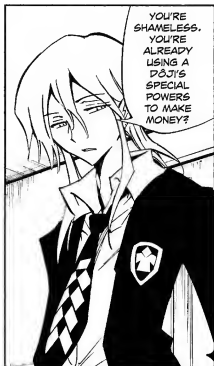


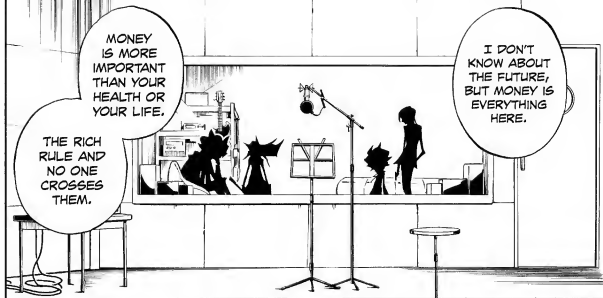
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YOU
WIN THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL BY
CHANGING
YOUR
OPPONENT'S
SPIRIT.

BESIDES,
YOU'RE MY
TOP-GROSSING
ARTIST! WHAT IF
YOU GOT HURT?
THEY WOULD
BE MAD AT ME.

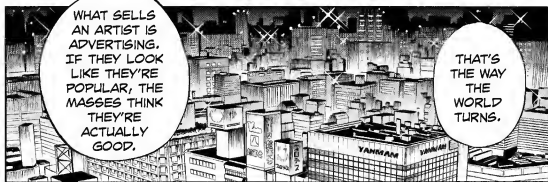




MONEY
IS MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN YOUR
HEALTH OR
YOUR LIFE.

THE RICH
RULE AND
NO ONE
CROSSES
THEM.

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THE FUTURE,
BUT MONEY IS
EVERYTHING
HERE.



WHAT SELLS
AN ARTIST IS
ADVERTISING.
IF THEY LOOK
LIKE THEY'RE
POPULAR, THE
MASSES THINK
THEY'RE
ACTUALLY
GOOD.

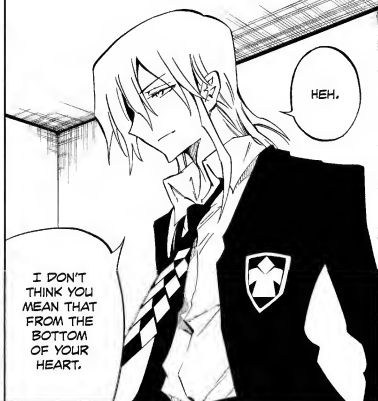
THAT'S
THE WAY
THE
WORLD
TURNS.



IT TOOK
ME A WHILE
TO FIGURE
THAT OUT.

IF YOU'RE
CONCERNED
WITH GOOD
AND EVIL,
YOU'RE OUT
OF SYNC
WITH THE
WAY SOCIETY
WORKS.

IT
ISN'T THE
CONTENT,
IT'S THE
PACKAGE.



THEIR
VOCALIST
WAS ONE
FUSSA
FUSATARO.

IN THE '80S
THERE WAS A
METAL BAND
CALLED
AFRODITE.

IT WAS
IN ECO'S
ROOM.

WHERE'D
YOU GET
THAT CD?!

YOUR AFRO
WAS SO BIG
THAT I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
YOU AT FIRST.
IT SEEMS
YOU WERE
QUITE
POPULAR.

A POPULAR
ANIME CALLED
SAINT SATORU
WAS BASED
ON A SERIES
IN THAT
MAGAZINE.
ITS THEME
SONG WAS
"PARADISE
HALLUCINATION."

仏間士定海
エルヴァーシュ サトル



"PARADISE
HALLUCINA-
TION."

I LISTENED
TO IT. IT WAS
A GOOD SONG,
BURNING WITH
PASSION.



BUT
THEN YOU
SANK INTO
OBSCURITY.

I IMAGINE
THAT "THEY"
PUT PRESSURE
ON YOU, SO
YOU HAD NO
CHOICE.



THE MORE
YOU TALK,
THE MORE
IT SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO
KILL THE
GOOD INSIDE
YOU.

I CAN'T
ACCEPT THAT
SUCH A GOOD
MUSICIAN
WOULD TRULY
BELIEVE THE
THINGS YOU'RE
SAYING.



I DON'T INTEND
TO FOLLOW
DUNSTAN'S RULES,
BUT IF IT MEANS
UNDERSTANDING
ECO'S MESSAGE,
I WILL FIGHT
YOU.

WHICH
MEANS
I CAN
WIN YOU
OVER.



URGH.
YOU'RE
JUMPING
AHEAD.



I WILL SWAY
YOU TO GOOD
AND USE THAT
STRENGTH TO
CAPTURE
DUNSTAN!



BUT I'M
GONNA
PULL *YOU*
INTO *EVIL*!

SO LET'S
GET IT
STARTED.

KRAH!

AND
THEN
I'LL
MAKE
SOPHIA
DEBUT
WITH
ME!!



**KARAKURI
HENGES!**

**DEMON
RAGE
!!!**

GOOD-
LOOKIN'
GUYS
RAKE
IN THE
CASH!!



AND WE
HAVE
PLANS
LATER.

SORRY,
BUT HE'S
NEVER
SUNG
BEFORE.



KARAKURI
HENGES!

GOD
SOPHIA
!!!

LET'S
SETTLE
THIS,
FUSSA
FUSATARO
!!



BEGIN!!!

**Hundred
Machine
Funeral:
Battle
One!!!**



FUSATARO'S
STARTED
FIGHTING.

TCH!

SO...Y
MUSIC



NO
PROBLEM,
VICE. SAY
THE WORD,
AND WE'LL
STEP IN.



MAYBE WE
SHOULD
WATCH FOR
A WHILE.

BUT THIS
IS A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN
ABOUT THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL.



HMPH.

YES,
JEALOUSY.
IF THIS
GOES WELL,
SOPHIA
COULD BE
OURS.

WE DON'T
REALLY
NEED OUR
OPPONENT'S
HELP, BUT...



I ONLY
TOLD HIM
TO DRAW
OUT AN
OPPONENT.



...IT'S FUN
CRANKING
UP THE
PRESSURE
ON ULTIMO!



AND MOST
FEARFUL OF ALL
ARE THE TWO
SHARP HORNS
THAT HE RAISES
BY SPINNING HIS
GUITAR-SHAPED
ARMS.

HE HAS SPEED
LIKE ELECTRICITY
AND ELECTRIC-
POWERED
ATTACKS.

HIS NOH
POWER IS
ELECTRICAL
SPEED.

RAGE
EMBODIES
WRATH OF
THE SEVEN
DEADLY
SINS.





HE
DISAP-
PEARED
?!

I KNOW ALL
ABOUT YOUR
NOH! I KNEW
YOU'D BREAK
IT OUT
UNEXPECT-
EDLY!

HA!

BUT IT'S
NO USE
IF IT
DOESN'T
HIT!

DID YOU
THINK YOU
COULD
MATCH MY
ELECTRIC
SPEED?





WHAT
?!



I DON'T
JUST USE
SOPHIA'S
SENSE
MANIPULATION
ON OPPO-
NENTS.

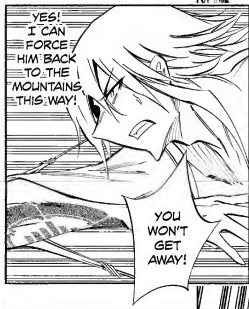
BY USING
HIS NOH
ON MYSELF,
I CAN READ
YOUR
MOVEMENT.



LET ME
TEACH YOU
SOMETHING,
FUSATARO.



NO WAY!
NOW HE
DISAP-
PEARED
?!



FULL
NERVE
BOOST
!!!

ARGH...



THEY SAY IT'S
A GOOD THING
PEOPLE CAN'T
READ EACH
OTHER'S HEARTS,
BUT I CAN'T
STAND IT.

I'M LUCKY
TO HAVE
JEALOUSY.

BE
CARE-
FUL?

HE
UNDERSTANDS
EVERYTHING I
THINK WITHOUT
ME EVEN
SAYING IT.

I'M
GOING
TO WIN
IN THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL
AND
MAKE
YAMATO
MINE!



Blp

BUT
FIRST I
MUST
BREAK
THOSE
AROUND
HIM.



YOU ALL
TOOK THE
PLEDGE
WITH DÔJI,
RIGHT?

BUT
HOW ARE
THINGS
WITH YOU
GUYS?

Y-YES,
BUT...

IT'S
JUST IN
CASE,
BUT...

UH-OH.
I PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING...

YOU WERE
MASTERS
IN THE PAST,
SO I DON'T
NEED TO
TELL YOU
THAT LIFE
AS YOU
KNOW IT
IS OVER.

...STARTING
TODAY,
WE'RE IN
A STATE
OF WAR
BETWEEN
GOOD AND
EVIL.

HE'S
WEARING
A
BLAZER
...



NEVER
FORGET
THAT DOING
SO COULD
ENDANGER
US ALL.

YOU MUST NOT
CARELESSLY SHARE
INFORMATION ABOUT
ONE ANOTHER—
EVEN WITH CLASS-
MATES, FAMILY
MEMBERS OR
LOVERS.



...AND
LOVERS?



...
FAMILY
...



CLASS-
MATES
...



BUT IT'S
THE SAME
FOR THEM.

THEY WON'T
BRING UP THE
DŌJI UNLESS
THERE'S A
SPECIAL
REASON.



BUT
SOME-
TIMES
IT'S
OKAY,
RIGHT?

WE HAVE
SOCIAL
LIVES, SO
SOMETIMES
IT'S UNAVOID-
ABLE.



...NAMED
PARDONNER,
WHO EMBODIES
PATIENCE...

THE
KARAKURI
DŌJI...



...IS LIVING
WITH ME
AND
COOKING
DINNER.



IN OTHER
WORDS,
SHE IS
SUSCEPTIBLE
TO THE
WORST EVIL.

SHE
REMINDS
ME OF
MS. SUMAKO.

THEY MUST
ALREADY
BE LIVING
TOGETHER.





...THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL!

EVIL IS
CERTAIN
TO WIN...

HEH
HEH

...

GETTING
MATSUMOTO
WOULD BE
THE BEST WAY
TO DESTROY
THOSE THREE!

AND WITH
PARDONNER'S
HEALING ABILITY,
WE'D HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE!



INFLAMMATION
RESULTING FROM
THE NERVE BOOST
HAS REACHED THE
LIMIT! NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU
MAY HAVE
MODIFIED
YOUR BODY

MASTER!

I KNOW,
SOPHIA!



HE'S TOUGH!
HOW LONG
CAN HE KEEP
UP WITH MY
ELECTRIC
SPEED?!!

ARGH!



ONE HIT
WITH SENSE
MANIPULATION
AND WE WIN!

I JUST
NEED
ONE
HIT!



SEMI-
CIRCULAR
EAR
CANAL
KILLER!

TAKE
THIS!!



YOUR
SLOW
ATTACKS
WILL
NEVER
HIT!!!

GIVE IT UP,
ALREADY!



NOW
IT'S
OUR
TURN!

TAKE
THIS
!!!



AAGH!



RAGING
THUNDER

!!!

!



HA HA!
I'VE IMMOBILIZED YOU!
NOW, TO FINISH YOU
OFF!!

**TAKE
THIS!**







YOU
CAN'T
WIN BY
KILLING
ME...

...BUT NOW
I HAVE
YOU IN MY
GRASP.

I KNOW
THIS IS
THE
MOVE
THAT
KILLED
ECO.



HE
LURED
ME IN!

I CAN'T
WITH-
DRAW MY
SPEAR!



THE
GAME'S
OVER.

WHAT A
STUPID
TRAP
TO FALL
FOR.

SEMICIRCULAR
EAR CANAL
KILLER!!!

SENSE
MANIPULATION!

BATOO



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ULTIMO

ACT 30 FUTURE TALES: INCEPTION





ACT 30

FUTURE TALES: INCEPTION







**QUIT
GAPING,
FUSA-
TARO!**



*TCH...
IF YOU
CAN'T READ
HEARTS
WHEN IT
COUNTS,
YOU'RE
USELESS!*

*OH WELL,
I DON'T
CARE
WHAT THE
REASON
IS.*



**HE CAN'T
MOVE!
IT'S
YOUR
PERFECT
CHANCE!**

**KILL
THAT
GUY!**



HUNH?



**...WE
WERE
STILL
FIGHTING!**

**I CAN'T
KILL SOME-
ONE WHO'S
HELPLESS!**

**YEAH,
BUT...**



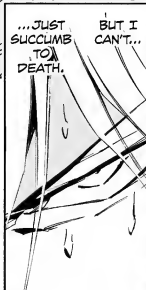




...IN
USELESS
SCUM!

...HAVE NO
INTEREST...

GR **AK**



...JUST
SUCCUMB
TO
DEATH.

BUT I
CAN'T...



WITH
SOPHIA
SHUT
DOWN,
I CAN'T
EVEN
RUN!

WHERE
DID
VICE
COME
FROM?

...



NOW...

...HOW
SHALL
I KILL
YOU?

...THAT I
ABSOLUTELY
MUST CATCH
DUNSTAN!!!

—2989—

THERE'S A
REASON...

NORTH ISLAND

REPEAT!

WE HAVE
DETECTED
A SPACE-TIME
DISTURBANCE IN
THE AIR OVER THE
NEO-GION REGION,
POINT J-66,
NORTH ISLAND.
RUSH TO THAT
LOCATION!

WE HAVE
DETECTED A
SPACE-TIME
DISTURBANCE IN
THE AIR OVER THE
NEO-GION REGION,
POINT J-66,
NORTH ISLAND.
RUSH TO THAT
LOCATION!

POLICE

POLICE

THIS IS
MURAYAMA,
AGENT 11 OF
INVESTIGATIONS
SECTION I OF
THE NORTH
ISLAND POLICE.
ROGER THAT!

POLICE

VOOSH

REQUESTING
PERMISSION...

...TO USE
ANTI-NOH
DEVICE AND
WEAPONS!

THE
PERPETRATOR
MAY BE USING
A NOH DEVICE.

THIS MAY
BE YOUR
FIRST
BATTLE,
BUT
GETTING
ANTSY
WON'T HELP
YOU.

!

HA HA HA!
LOOSEN UP,
NOOB!

POLICE

YOUR
OVEREAGERNESS
IS DANGEROUS-
CHILL.

THE PERP
OPENED A
DOOR IN
SPACE-TIME,
SO DON'T
MESS UP AND
DESTROY THE
WORLD.

Miyu Murayama (25)
Musashi's older sister

...BUT
PLEASE STOP
ADDRESSING ME
PERSONALLY.
WE'RE AT
WORK.

MY
APOLOGIES,
COMMANDER
MURAYAMA...

BUT
WE'RE
AT
WORK,
SIS!!

HA HA HA!
WHY SO
EMBARRASSED,
MUSASHI?
YOU CAN
CALL ME SIS!
LIKE WE'RE
AT HOME!



TODAY'S
OPPONENT IS
A BIG ONE.
STAY CALM
AND DO
YOUR JOB,
MUSASHI.

WELL...



ROGER THAT,
COMMANDER
MURAYAMA.

WHAT
IS THE
ULTIMATE
POWER?



...BUT THE
HEART AND
MIND THAT
DOES NOT
HESITATE.

IT IS
NOT A
WEAPON
OR AN
ABILITY...



BUT YOU
TWO ARE
DIFFERENT.

...AND
HESITATION
WEAKENS
POWER.

PEOPLE
HAVE TWO
OPPOSING
FORCES
MIXED IN
THEIR
HEARTS.
THEY
HESITATE...



...AND
PERFECT
EVIL.



PERFECT
GOOD...



YOU ARE MY
LAST CURSE
UPON THIS
WORLD.
I WILL WATCH
WHAT YOU
BRING TO THE
HUMAN REALM
FROM BEYOND
THIS LIFE...

BETWEEN THE
TWO OF YOU,
YOU POSSESS
ALL OF THE
GREAT NOH
ABILITIES.

WHEN THE
FINAL WAR
LOOMS,
YOU WILL
EACH
RETURN.



YOU ARE
POLAR
OPPOSITES
IN BOTH
HEART AND
MIND...



HA!
HA!
HAY
HARA
KILLI!!

SHING



THAT'S
ENOUGH,
ROGER
DUNSTAN!!



I TRIED TO
MINIMIZE IT,
BUT UNDER-
ESTIMATED
THE POLICE.

HAHA.
IT APPEARS
ACTIVATING
ULTIMO AND VICE
HAS WARPED
SPACE-TIME.



BUT
IT'S
TOO
LATE.

IN
ADDITION
TO ULTIMO
AND VICE,
I HAVE
PREPARED
ALL THE
DÔJI.



...WILL
PLAY
WITH
THEM A
WHILE.

I...

AS YOU
WISH.



MILIEU,
SEND THEM
TO THEIR
MASTERS
IN THE
VARIOUS
ERAS.



RESISTANCE
IS USELESS!
SURRENDER!
REPEAT!

I'M
ARRESTING
YOU FOR
BREAKING
ARTICLE 18 OF
THE SPACE-
TIME LAW!

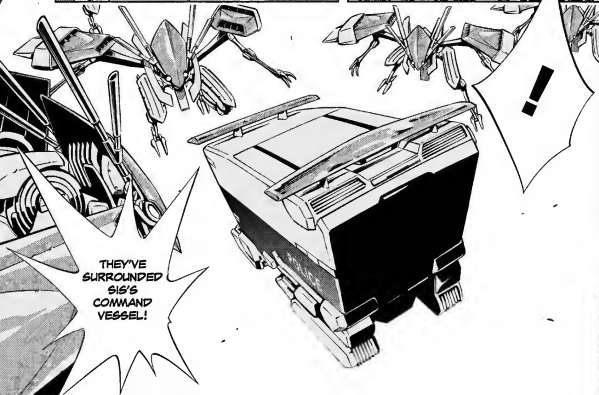
WE'VE
SHIELDED THE
SURROUNDING
AREA WITH AN
ANTI-NOH
DEVICE.

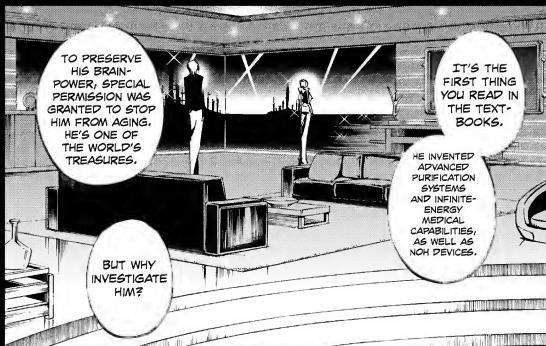
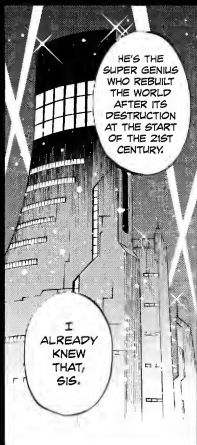


THE TOWER
HAS RELEASED
SOMETHING!

IT...
IT'S...

COUNTLESS
ROBOTS
FROM INSIDE
DUNSTAN'S
LABORATORY!







HE MAY
HAVE HIS
REASONS.
ANYWAY,
WE'RE UP
AGAINST
A GENIUS.

I DON'T
KNOW.

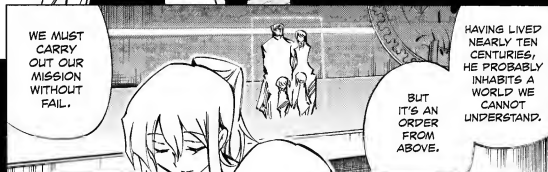


SPACE-
TIME
MANIPULA-
TION?!

WHY
WOULD HE
DO SOME-
THING SO
DANGEROUS?



WE
SUSPECT
HIM OF
SPACE-TIME
MANIPULA-
TION.



WE MUST
CARRY
OUT OUR
MISSION
WITHOUT
FAIL.

HAVING LIVED
NEARLY TEN
CENTURIES,
HE PROBABLY
INHABITS A
WORLD WE
CANNOT
UNDERSTAND.

BUT
IT'S AN
ORDER
FROM
ABOVE.



I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU
TOMORROW,
MUSASHI.

I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE MY
ONLY
REMAINING
FAMILY
MEMBER.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
CLEAR
OUT!!



SIS...

MUSASHI
!!!



I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE
HER
EITHER.

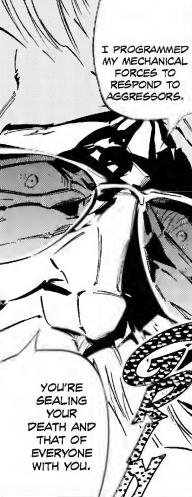
NO
WAY.



WELL,
THAT'S
ONE
ORDER
I CAN'T
OBEY!

POLICE

KSHAK



I PROGRAMMED
MY MECHANICAL
FORCES TO
RESPOND TO
AGGRESSORS.

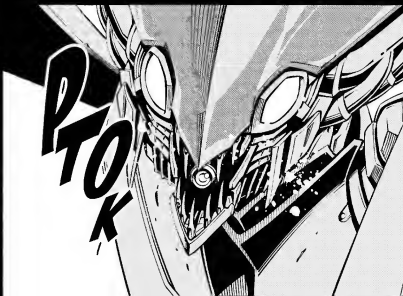
YOU'RE
SEALING
YOUR
DEATH AND
THAT OF
EVERYONE
WITH YOU.



THE
FOOL.



HUH?





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066



...
KILLED
MY
SISTER
?!!

KAPLAK

HA HA!
THE
BOY'S
GOT
PLUCK!

HE'S
ATTACKING
IN A
DIFFERENT
FORM,
DOCTOR.
IT
APPEARS
HE HAS
MODIFIED
HIS ENTIRE
BODY.

WHAT KIND
OF ANSWERS
WILL SUCH A
STRAIGHT-
LACED YOUNG
MAN FIND IN
THE CHAOS
TO COME?

THIS WORLD
WILL SOON
DISAPPEAR.



I'LL USE
THIS
CHANCE
TO MAKE
HIM TAKE
THE
PLEDGE!

HE IS
PERFECT
FOR
SOPHIA'S
MASTER!



ROGER
DUNSTAN!
I'M
TAKING
YOU IN!

UARRGH!



...BUT
THAT'S A
GOOD
HANDICAP
SINCE YOUR
DÔJI'S
DAMAGED.

YOU'RE
A BIT
VIOLENT...

SLASH





...YOU
BECOME
SOPHIA'S
MASTER.

TODAY...



WELCOME
TO MY
LABORATORY,
MUSASHI
MURAYAMA.

AND
CONGRATU-
LATIONS.



WHAT ARE
YOU RE-
SEARCHING
HERE?!!

DUNSTAN!!!

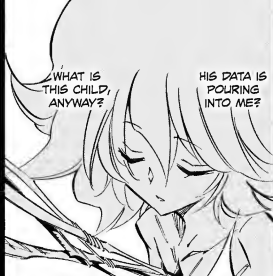


DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ANYTHING.

THEN
YOU'LL
UNDER-
STAND.

THE
LIMBS WILL
SYNCHRO-
NIZE YOU
FOR THE
PLEDGE.





WHAT IS
THIS CHILD,
ANYWAY?

HIS DATA IS
POURING
INTO ME?



GASP
...!

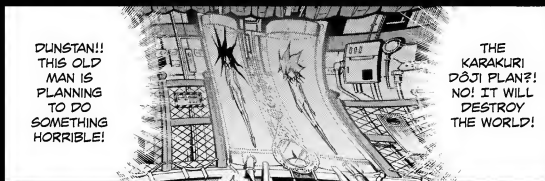


WHY AM
I SO
DIZZY?

WH...

WHEN YOU
WAKE UP,
YOU WILL
BEGIN A
NEW LIFE IN
THE 21ST
CENTURY.

IT'LL BE FUN.
NOT MANY CAN
EXPERIENCE
HOW PEOPLE
LIVED IN THE
PAST.



DUNSTAN!!
THIS OLD
MAN IS
PLANNING
TO DO
SOMETHING
HORRIBLE!

THE
KARAKURI
DÔJI PLAN?!
NO! IT WILL
DESTROY
THE WORLD!



I
WON'T
LET
YOU
DO
IT!!



YOU'RE
A FAST
LEARNER.

HA!

BOOM





...WILL YOU
ASSIST ME
WITH THE
KILL?

YES,
DOCTOR.

KATUNK

GOODBYE
TO THE
ANCIENT
FUTURE.

!



...IT'S
TIME TO
FINISH
THIS.

SO...



I'M
GETTING
TIRED OF
TORTURING
YOU.

HEH
HEH!



THE
HORROR



I EVEN
DAMAGED
SOPHIA.

I, DISOBEYED
SIS'S ORDERS
AND, LOST
EVERYTHING.

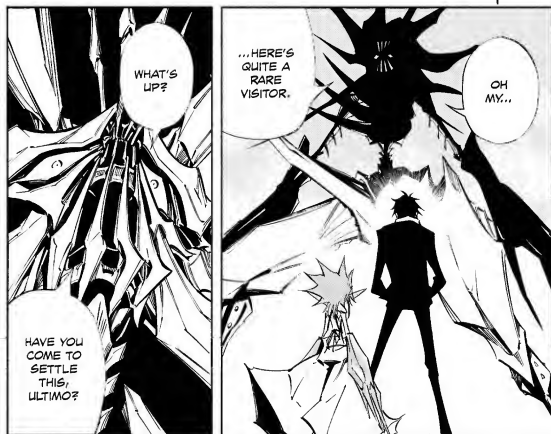


IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
TO GIVE IN,
MUSAYAMA.



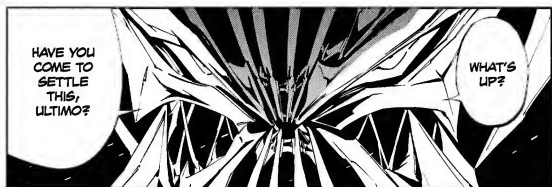
CAN I DO
ANYTHING
BUT ACCEPT
IT?

EVEN IF
DUNSTAN
PLANNED
IT ALL,
THE
CAUSE
WAS
INSIDE
OF ME.





KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO





THAT IS
INDEED
WHY I
HAVE
COME.

WE
THINK
ALIKE.

IF WE
SETTLE
THIS NOW,
IT'LL ALL
BE OVER.

THAT WAY,
WE CAN
AVOID A
PROLONGED
CONFLICT.

MEGANETH
HEIDOGAMI
ACT 31
THEORY OF
GOOD AND EVIL





FIRST, I'LL
RID MYSELF
OF YOU AND
THEN THE
OLD MAN!

AND
I'M
GONNA
WIN IT!

AFTER
THAT,
I'LL
CRUSH
THE
WHOLE
WORLD!!



THE
FIGHT
IS ON
!!



**SHEE-
N**

SO
START
DYIN'!!

**DADU-
M**

**BONE
NEGATION
!!!**



**TIME
STOP!**



SPACE-
TIME
MANIPULA-
TION.



...DO YOU
REALLY
INTEND TO
SETTLE
THIS
HERE?

WELL,
ULTIMO...

BUT
WE
CAN
STOP
TIME.

HE'S
SERIOUSLY
TRYING TO
KILL US.

HE TRULY IS
A LEADER
OF EVIL.
HE DOESN'T
HESITATE!



THE HUNDRED
MACHINE FUNERAL
LASTS ONE YEAR,
BUT IF I LET EVIL
RUN LOOSE, THE
TRAGEDY WILL
CONTINUE.

OF
COURSE,
YAMATO-
SAMA.

ULTI BELIEVES
IT IS BEST TO
NIP EVIL IN
THE BUD.



STOPPING
TIME USES
UP MY
LOVE
CHARGE.

PLEASE
MAKE
YOUR
DECISION
QUICKLY.

HOWEVER,
THE
DECISION
IS YOURS,
YAMATO-
SAMA.



SORRY TO
BARGE IN,
MUSAYAMA.

WE'VE GOT
ECO'S WAKE,
TOO, SO WE
BETTER DO
WHAT WE CAN
RIGHT NOW.

AW,
MAN.

FIGHTING
IS NO WAY
TO SETTLE
THINGS,
BUT WE
CAN'T
LET THIS
GO ON.





...GOD
ULTIMO!

DÔJI
COMBINA-
TION...

DON'T
KILL HIM
RIGHT
AWAY,
ULTIMO.

BUT I'VE
GOT AN
IDEA.

GA A A H !!!

UNDERSTOOD, YAMATO-SAMA.

WHA

HINH

WAKU

WAKU

HUH?
?

WHERE
AM I?!!

I CAN'T HAVE YOU DESTROYING THE TOWN, SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE WHILE TIME WAS STOPPED.

THE FOREST AGAIN.

HUH?!

WHERE AM I?!!

KRAK KRAK ...! KRAK KRAK



THIS IS
BATTLE
TWO OF
THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL.

NO
HOLDING
BACK,
VICE.

WE'RE
THE ONLY
ONES
HERE.

KAW

KAW

KAW
KAW

GYA
HAAA!

YOU
CAN...

NO
HOLDING
BACK?!

YOU'RE
SO
STUPID!

THEN WHY
DIDN'T YOU
KILL ME
WHILE TIME
WAS
STOPPED?!



KAWHA

...STOP
TIME ALL
YOU
WANT!

*I WON'T
LOSE!!!*

THAT

...

...AND
HE JUST
KICKS
LAVA AT
US?

WHAT'S HE
THINKING?

WE OFFER
ALL-OUT
BATTLE...



NOH!

**TIME
SPEED!**

...WON'T
WORK ON
ULTI!



**AND
THEN**

...

**I'LL
SPEED
UP TO
DODGE
IT...**

...AND
CLOSE
THE GAP
BETWEEN
US!!!



KARAKURI
HENGE!

GREAT
CRANE
SWORD!



HUH?!



HEH HEH!
YOU THINK
A CHEAP
SWORD
LIKE THAT
CAN CUT
ME?



WELL
THEN
...

HE BROKE
ULTI'S CRANE
SWORD WITH
A HEAD-
BUTT!

WHAT
?!

JOINT
LION
MOUTH!

KARAKURI
HENGE!

...
REVER-
BERATE!

LET
THE
LION'S
ROAR

...



JOINT
LION
DRUM
!!
..



OF
COURSE
NOT!

THAT WAS
SO MILD I'M
YAWNING!



DID
WE
BEAT
HIM?



DEMON
TURTLE
SAW!!

KARAKURI
HENGE!



GASP!



GREAT
GRIND
!!!

VRR
RRRSH!

CAN
YOU
BEAR
IT?

THE PAIN
WILL SOON
DISAPPEAR
ALONG WITH
YOUR SPIRIT!

RIGHT
LEG LOSS!
FORTY-NINE
PERCENT
DECREASE
IN COMBAT
CAPABILITY!

INJECTING
ANESTHETIC!
BEAR THE
PAIN A
MOMENT
LONGER!

G
A
A
H
!!!

DEMON
FOX
HAMMER
!!

KARAKURI
HENGE!



RINGING
IN THE
WORLDLY
DESIRES

000

NEW
YEAR'S
EVE
BELLS
!!!



THIS GUY'S
POWERFUL.
EVEN MORE
THAN
BEFORE!!

SORRY,
ULTI.
I BARFED
ON YOU.



YAMATO-
SAMA!!

GAAH!!



IF YOU HADN'T
STOPPED TIME AT
THE LAST MOMENT,
HE'D HAVE BLOWN
A HOLE THROUGH
US.

BUT
THANKS,
ULTIMO.



WE'VE
ALREADY
SUSTAINED
HEAVY
DAMAGE.

I CAN'T
HOLD TIME
MUCH
LONGER!

THAT
ISN'T THE
PROBLEM,
YAMATO-
SAMA.

...YOU
MUST
FINISH
VICE
RIGHT
NOW.

YAMATO-
SAMA...

ULTIMO

IF GOOD
DOES SUCH
A THING,
IT'S ALL
OVER!

HUH...?

WHAT'RE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

IT MAY
SEEM
COWARDLY,
BUT THE
POSITIVE
RESULTS
ARE MORE
IMPORTANT.

ULTIMO

WHY?

THAT IS THE
ONLY WAY
LEFT FOR
US TO BE
VICTORIOUS.



VICTORY
DETERMINES
WHAT IS
JUST.

IT IS ONLY
NATURAL
FOR GOOD
TO DEFEAT
EVIL.

IF WE
LOSE,
IT REALLY
WILL ALL
BE OVER!



THAT
WOULD
MEAN WE
HADN'T
REALLY
DEFEATED
EVIL.

NO.



AND I
JUST
WOULDN'T
FEEL
RIGHT.

YOU'RE
RIGHT THAT
IF WE LOSE,
IT MAY ALL
BE OVER...

IF WE
KILL HIM,
HE CAN'T
RESENT.



BUT
HOW
DO WE
RESOLVE
THIS
SITUA-
TION?

IF THAT
IS WHAT
YOU SAY,
THEN ULTI
WILL
OBEY.



I TOLD
YOU.
I'VE
GOT AN
IDEA.

...?

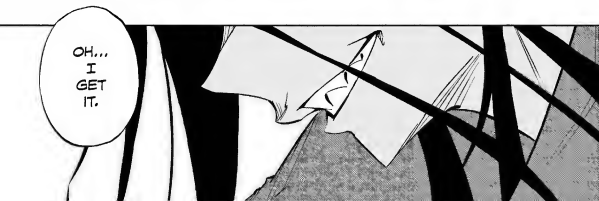


...BUT
BEHAVING IN
A COWARDLY
WAY MEANS
GIVING IN TO
EVIL.

YOU
MAY NOT
UNDER-
STAND...

...BUT
THAT'S
WHAT I
THINK.







LET'S GO
HOME
AND EAT.

I WAS
GETTING
HUNGRY
ANYWAY.

OH
WELL.



HEH
HEH
HEH!
BUT
WATCH
OUT NEXT
TIME,
ULTIMO.

BLUSH

A...
F...
F-F...

BLUSH

BLUSH

BLUSH





...and
he's
simply
adorable! ✨



Pardoner
is the good
dôji in
the Six
Perfections
who embodies
patience...





I NEED
TO PULL
MYSELF
TOGETHER!

UGH.

WHY AM
I SUCH A
WRECK?

CHAK



OH...
AGH!
SORRY!

I'LL BE
IN THE
BATH!
TAKE
YOUR
TIME!

OKAY.



...AND, NOW
HE'S COME
BACK
AROUND
TO ME.

LIKE
PARDONNER
SAID, I HAD
A DÔJI IN
THE PAST...



AND I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT...

...THAT
PHONE
CONVERSA-
TION WITH
RUKE.

I'M INVOLVED
IN A SERIOUS
SITUATION
RIGHT NOW.

DING DONG



OH...

...AND ONE
MORE THING,
MATSUMOTO.

YES?

A FRIEND
OF MINE IS
INJURED.

INJURED
?!

IT'S A
COMPLICATED
STORY.

A DÔJI
NEARLY
KILLED
HIM.

HIS
NAME IS
CHICHIBU
JUN.



SO I'D
LIKE
YOUR
DÔJI TO
HEAL
HIM.

BUT I
CAN'T TAKE
HIM TO A
HOSPITAL,
RIGHT?



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

ACT 32 INTERSECTION OF HIDDEN MOTIVES



IT'S A
COMPLICATED
STORY.

A FRIEND
OF MINE IS
INJURED.

OH, AND ONE
MORE THING,
MATSUMOTO.

A DÔJI
NEARLY
KILLED
HIM.

HIS NAME IS
CHICHIBU JUN.



ACT 32 INTERSECTION
OF HIDDEN MOTIVES





CHICHIBU
JUN'S
WOUNDS...

...ARE
ALMOST
COMPLETELY
HEALED.

THERE'S NO
MORE NEED
TO WORRY.



BUT MY NOH,
CORPOREAL
CONTROL,
IS NOT
PERFECT.



NO MATTER
HOW MUCH I
MAY REGENERATE
ON A CELLULAR
LEVEL, I CANNOT
REVIVE THE
DEAD.

IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO LOSE
YOUR FRIEND,
STAY AWAY FROM
EVIL DÔJI,
KODAIRA RUNE.





(KRANKE: "PATIENT" IN GERMAN.-ED.)





PLOTTING?

KODAIRA RUNE
HASN'T BROUGHT
JEALOUSY, BUT
BE CAREFUL.

WE MUST
FIND OUT
WHAT HE IS
PLOTTING.



I DON'T
DETECT
ANY DŌJI
NEARBY.



I STILL
DON'T SEE
HIM AS AN
ENEMY.
I HAVE NO
REASON TO
DISLIKE HIM.

MAYBE HE
JUST CAME
TO HELP
HIS FRIEND.

HE MAY BE
AN EVIL DŌJI
MASTER,
BUT UNTIL
YESTERDAY HE
WAS JUST MY
CLASSMATE.



WHEN HUMAN
BEINGS LIE,
THEIR HEART
RATE INCREASES
AND THEY
SECRETE CERTAIN
SUBSTANCES.

I MAY NOT BE
JEALOUSY,
BUT I KNOW
THAT MUCH.



BUT...
WHY?

HUH?



AS HIS
CLASSMATE,
YOU SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
SEE HE'S
LYING.

I'M
TELLING
YOU, THAT
KRANKE IS
A TOTAL
STRANGER.

!



THAT'S
WHAT WE
NEED TO
FIND OUT.



...
RESULTED
FROM
ATTACKS
BY VICE.

CHICHIBU
JUN'S
WOUNDS
...

VICE!

!

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT THIS
MEANS,
KIYOSE?

PARDON-
NER...

WITHOUT
A DOUBT.

JUST THE
OTHER DAY,
DR. SHAKUJI
SUFFERED
THE SAME
TYPE OF
WOUNDS.

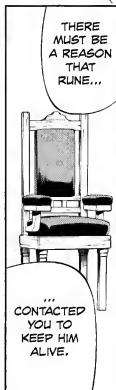
BUT HE
DIDN'T.

ASIDE FROM
MERE WHIM,
ONLY ONE
POSSIBILITY
REMAINS...

VICE
ONLY
USES HIS
CLAWS
TO KILL.

...THAT CHICHIBU
JUN COULD
BECOME HIS
MASTER!

VICE
MUST
HAVE
SENSED
...





...WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



SHEESH!
HUMANS
ARE SUCH
A PAIN.

...JUMPING
THROUGH
HOOPS FOR
MONEY.
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE
LIVIN' FOR!

VROOON

THEY
SCURRY
HERE AND
THERE...





THAT SOLVES
EVERYTHING.

ONLY POWER
MAKES THAT
POSSIBLE.

EAT WHEN
YOU WANNA
EAT.
DO WHAT
YOU WANNA
DO.



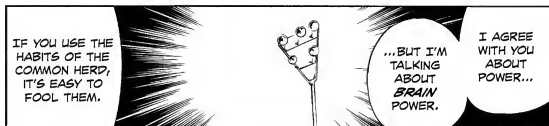
BUT HUMANS
AREN'T AS
TOUGH AS
YOU ARE,
ORGULLO.



THAT'S
CALLED
SOCIETY.

THEY
EXCLUDE
ANYTHING
THAT
DISRUPTS
THAT
ORDER.

SO THEY
HAVE TO
HELP EACH
OTHER OUT.



IF YOU USE THE
HABITS OF THE
COMMON HERD,
IT'S EASY TO
FOOL THEM.

...BUT I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
BRAIN
POWER.

I AGREE
WITH YOU
ABOUT
POWER...

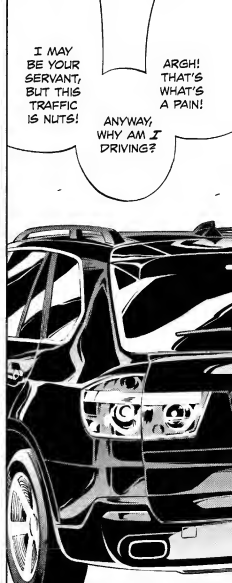


IN OTHER
WORDS, BE
CLEVER.



AS AN
ICON,
I COULD
BLOW RIGHT
THROUGH.

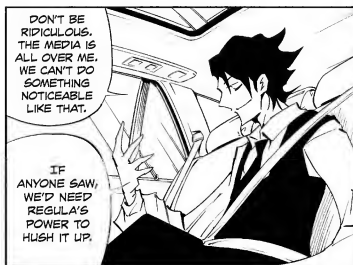
UGH.



I MAY
BE YOUR
SERVANT,
BUT THIS
TRAFFIC
IS NUTS!

ARGH!
THAT'S
WHAT'S
A PAIN!

ANYWAY,
WHY AM I
DRIVING?



DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS.
THE MEDIA IS
ALL OVER ME.
WE CAN'T DO
SOMETHING
NOTICEABLE
LIKE THAT.

IF
ANYONE SAW,
WE'D NEED
REGULA'S
POWER TO
HUSH IT UP.



REGULA'S
POWER IS
MANIPULATING
MEMORY...

HEH...



I DON'T
LIKE THE
PAIN, OR
GETTING
NAKED...

ANYWAY,
I DON'T
EVEN *LIKE*
BEING IN
ICON
FORM.

AND I
HATE THAT
FEELING
OF RAGING
OUT OF
CONTROL
AS REASON
FADES
AWAY.



TOO
BAD.

CUZ I
LOVE
IT.



WHAT A
STRANGE
COINCIDENCE
THAT HE
SHOULD FALL
INTO MAKOTO
SAYAMA'S
HANDS.

THAT MAKES
ME WANT HER
EVEN *MORE*.



I SHOULD
JUST BUST
INTO MY
ICON.

TCH.

SHOULD
WE RUN,
AKIRA?

NO, JUST
DO WHAT
THEY SAY.

SIAM

YOUR
LICENSE
SHOULD
LOOK VALID.
KEEP COOL
AND THEY'LL
NEVER KNOW
IT'S ME.

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE
WHO'LL
HAVE TO
GET IN
WITH
THEM.

HEY, WH,
ISN'T
THAT
AKIRA?

AKIRA?

C'MON,
MAN, YOU
CAN'T
SPEED
LIKE THAT!

YOU WERE 70
KILOMETERS
PER HOUR OVER
THE LIMIT! KISS
YOUR LICENSE
GOODBYE!

IT MAY HAVE
BEEN THE
DRIVER'S FAULT,
BUT THE
PASSENGER IS
RESPONSIBLE,
TOO. THIS IS
A BIG DEAL.

THE PRO
GOLFER
HIDAKA
AKIRA.

WHOA.
WE CAUGHT
US SOMEONE
FAMOUS!

...

WHAT A
COUPLE OF
NINCOMPOOPS.

I AM WHO
I AM
BECAUSE
I AM SO
PERFECT.

SAY
WHUH?





WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO
ERASE THE
EVIDENCE.

THERE'S
NO CHOICE,
ORGULLO.

I *KNEW*
YOU WAS
SMART!

NOW
YOU'RE
TALKIN'!

KRR IKKK

**DEMON
ORGULLO!**

**DŌJI
COMBINATION!**

KATANA!





MORONS.
YOU MADE
US USE OUR
ICON OVER
SOMETHING
STUPID.



THAT'S WHY I
HATE USING THE
ICON FORM.

NOW
IT'S A BIG
COMMOTION.



IF WE'RE
GONNA COVER
SOMETHING UP,
MIGHT AS WELL
GO ALL OUT.

BUT
THERE'S
NO
CHOICE
THIS
TIME.



...BURN
EVERY-
THING.

ORGULLO
...



...WILL BE
ALL ABOUT
YOU.

TOMORROW'S
FRONT PAGE
...

A STAR
ATHLETE
KILLING
PEOPLE.

NOT
IMPRESSIVE.







A
KARAKURI
CREST?!



?!



AND THAT
PATTERN!
*SURELY
YOU'RE
NOT-*



I'LL JUST
CRUSH YOU
AND YOUR
INFORMATION!



...WILL
TRASH
YOU!

MY
MASTER,
SAYAMA
MAKOTO

...





WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
HERE?!
AND WHAT'S
WITH THAT
OUTFIT,
MAKOTO?!

NO WAY!
REGULA
AND
SAYAMA
MAKOTO?!

HEH.



AND IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU LEARN.

YOU DON'T
KNOW THE
REAL ME.



...REPLACE
YOUR
MEMORY!

BECAUSE
I CAN
JUST..



I WILL
MAKE YOU
TALK...



I HAD NO
IDEA YOU
WERE SO...
INTER-
ESTING...
PROVOC-
ATIVE.



HMPH!

D&J
COMBINATION-
**MAKOTO
GOD
REGULA!**

**FLAME
KOMA
!!!**

AND
THEN
I'LL
TAKE
**EVERY-
THING
FOR
MYSELF
!!!**



THERE IS A
REASON YOU
ABSOLUTELY
CANNOT BEAT
ME.



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

AND IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU LEARN.

YOU DON'T
KNOW THE
REAL ME.

...REPLACE
YOUR
MEMORY!

BECAUSE I
CAN JUST...

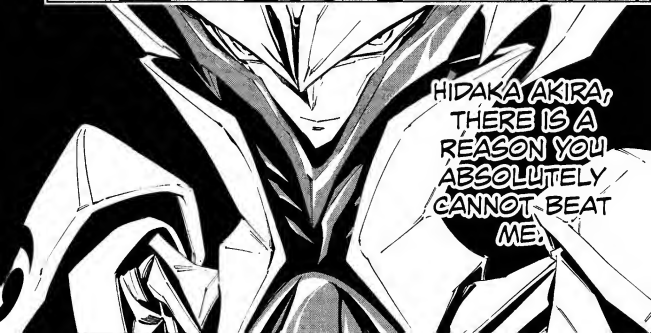
ACT 33 THAT DAUGHTER

000
MAKOTO
GOD
REGULA!

DÔJI
COMBINA-
TION-



HIDAKA AKIRA,
THERE IS A
REASON YOU
ABSOLUTELY
CANNOT BEAT
ME.



ACT 33 THAT DAUGHTER







LOSE,
AND
YOU'RE
ALREADY
OUT!

THE THIRD
BATTLE IN
THE HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL HAS
ALREADY
BEGUN.



THAT'S
ALL RIGHT.
I'LL FIGHT
HER WITH
ALL I'VE
GOT.

SHE'S LOST HER
REASON BECAUSE
OF GETTING A
DOJI OR TAKING
ITS ICON FORM.

SMIRK



OH,
I
GET
IT.

MAKOTO
...



...AS LONG
AS I HAVE
REGULA'S
POWER,
I CAN TAKE
EVERYTHING!!!

EVEN IF
I LOSE
YOU...

PSHHEEN

**SERIOUS
FLAME
KOMA
!!!**

YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

AN ICON ISN'T
JUST A GIANT
TOY. IT IS A
BATTLE SUIT
THAT MAXIMIZES
ITS MASTER'S
PHYSICAL
CAPABILITIES!



MARTIAL
ARTS
USING A
STAFF?!



DON'T
GET
COCKY
!!!



I HAVEN'T
EVEN
USED MY
NOH YET.

GAH!!!



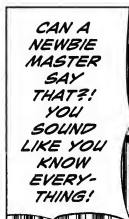
IF YOU
DON'T LIKE
CHANGING
INTO YOUR
ICON,
YOU'RE NOT
FIT TO USE
A DŌJI!

THAT IS THE
MISSION OF
THOSE WITH
DŌJI...

...AND THE
TRUE GOAL
OF THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL.

NO MATTER HOW
CLEVER YOU ARE
OR HOW BRIGHT
YOUR IDEALS,
WHAT DECIDES
EVERYTHING IN
THE END IS
POWER.

ONLY ONE WHO
CORRECTLY
UNDERSTANDS
AND USES
POWER WILL
RULE ALL!





THAT'S RIGHT.



INCLUDING
THE REASON
YOU ABSO-
LUTELY
CANNOT
BEAT ME.

I *DO* KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT THIS
BATTLE.



UNLIKE YOU
BEGINNERS,
I HAVE
UPDATED TO A
PERSONALIZED
ICON.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
SEEING
ME
NAKED.

THIS IS
STEP 2-
UNLOCKED BY
95 PERCENT
OR GREATER
UNIFICATION OF A
MASTER'S WILL
WITH THE DŌJI.



WHAT
?!

SHE'S
OPENING
HER
COCKPIT?!

IT IS A
WIRELESS
SYSTEM
ALLOWING
REMOTE
OPERATION
WITHIN A
RADIUS OF
50 METERS.



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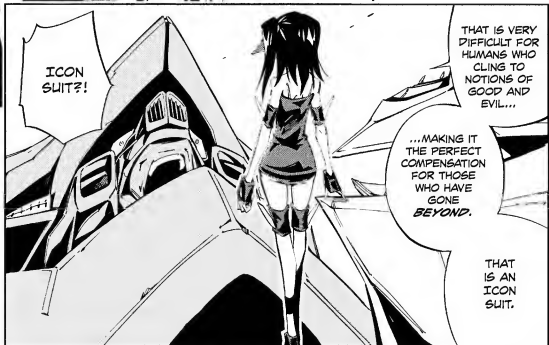
SYNCHRONIZATION
WITH THE DŌJI IS
COMPLETED BY
DRAWING AS NEAR
AS POSSIBLE TO
THE WILL OF
THE DŌJI.

COMPLETING
SYNCHRONIZATION
REMOVES THE NEED
FOR CONNECTING
VIA THOSE PAINFUL
CORDS. YOU CAN
CONTROL YOUR ICON
THROUGH A KIND OF
WIRELESS LAN.



!!ICON
SUIT?!

DID
SHE
SAY...



ICON
SUIT?!

THAT IS VERY
DIFFICULT FOR
HUMANS WHO
CLING TO
NOTIONS OF
GOOD AND
EVIL...

...MAKING IT
THE PERFECT
COMPENSATION
FOR THOSE
WHO HAVE
GONE
BEYOND.

THAT
IS AN
ICON
SUIT.



MAKOTO...
JUST WHO
ARE YOU?!

WHAT IS
GOING ON?
HOW DO YOU
KNOW ALL
THAT?

AND WHY
TELL ME?
I'M NOT ON
YOUR SIDE!



...IS MY REAL
NAME.

MAKOTO SAYA
DUNSTAN...



...AND
ACHIEVE
HIS TRUE
PURPOSE.

MY DAD'S
BUSY, SO I
CAME TO
WATCH THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL
FOR HIM...



TO BE
HONEST,
SOMETIMES
I WANT TO
MANIPULATE
MY MEMORY!

I GET SO
SICK OF
ACTING ALL
THE TIME.
SOMETIMES I
HAVE TO GET
IT OFF MY
CHEST OR
I'LL GO
CRAZY.

MAKOTO...

TRUE
PURPOSE?

...ARE YOU
DUNSTAN'S-

AND YOUR
FATHER...

BUT
THAT'S A
SECRET.

WHY DO
I TELL
YOU?

I'M HIS
DAUGHTER
FROM THE
FUTURE.

BECAUSE I CAN
MANIPULATE
YOUR MEMORY!



JUST
CHECKING.
I SAID
THAT ON
PURPOSE.

HE'S
CALLED
ECO IN
THIS TIME,
SAYA.

I KNOW,
REGULA.
AND I'M
MAKOTO
HERE.

ALL
THAT'S
LEFT IS
EKOBO'S
WAKE.

NOW I'VE
FULFILLED
MY ROLE OF
TELLING OUR
OPPONENTS
ABOUT THE
ICON SUITS.



EVEN
THOUGH
HE KNEW
YOUR
TRUE
IDENTITY.

THAT MONK
REALLY
LOOKED
AFTER US
AND SATISFIED
THE MOST
UNREASONABLE
DEMANDS.



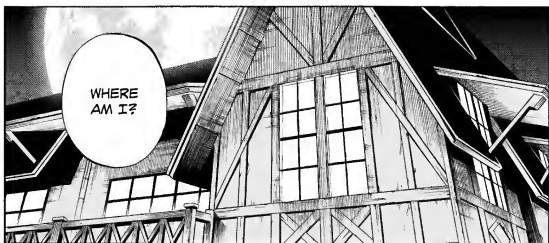
THE
ULTIMATE
BATTLE
BETWEEN
GOOD AND
EVIL...

MOST
PEOPLE
CANNOT
UNDERSTAND
MY FATHER'S
TRUE
PURPOSE,
BUT HE
DID.



AT LEAST
THE TWO
OF US...

...SHOULD
GIVE ECO
A WARM
SEND-
OFF.



GOOD
MORNING.

IN THE MANSION
OF KIYOSE
MATSUMOTO,
THE GOOD DŌJI
PARDONNER'S
MASTER.

!!!

WAP

YOU'RE
FINALLY
AWAKE,
CHICHIBU
JUN.

AFTER I
TRIED SO
HARD TO
HAVE VICE
KILL ME...

YOU'RE
KODAIRA
RUNE,
JEALOUSY'S
MASTER.

...

DID
YOU
HELP
ME?

WHY AM
I STILL
ALIVE?



THE KRANKE
IS AWAKE.
BE CAREFUL,
KIYOSE.

WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HE MIGHT DO.



OKAY...

Ulp



I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU WANT
TO DIE SO
BADLY.

SORRY.

HE ONLY
THINKS ABOUT
HIMSELF..SUCH
OVERWHELMING
SELF-LOVE...

JUST LIKE I
THOUGHT...



WHY
?!!

!

WHY
DID YOU
INTER-
FERE
?!!

...WANTED
YOU TO
BECOME
VICE'S
MASTER.

...AND
EXPLOSIVENESS.
HE IS PERFECT
FOR LEADING
EVIL.

I JUST...

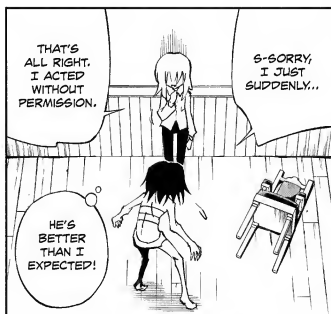
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...K
DISGUSTS
ME.

BUT
MORE
THAN
THAT...

BASICALLY.

JEALOUSY
TOLD YOU
ABOUT ME?





LUCKILY, HE DIDN'T
SERIOUSLY INJURE
ANYONE, BUT HE HAD
TO TRANSFER, AND
BOTH SCHOOLS
COVERED IT UP...

HE
RETLIATED
WITH A
UTILITY
KNIFE.

HUMANS, WHO
SEE OTHERS
AS MERE
NUMBERS, CAN
NO LONGER
RECOGNIZE
HUMANITY.

WHAT A
COINCIDENCE
...

...BECAUSE HE
WAS A TOP
STUDENT WHOSE
PARENTS WERE
WEALTHY.

...TO SAVE
THEMSELVES.

THE WAY I
SEE IT, THEY
LOOSED A
MONSTER...

...HATE K,
TOO.

I...



BUT WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT
MAKING HIM
VICE'S
MASTER?

SORRY.

I DIDN'T MEAN
TO EAVESDROP,
BUT I MISSED
MY CHANCE TO
ENTER.

SWIP

WHOA...

AND YOU'RE
HIS NEW
MASTER
KIYOSE
MATSUMOTO?

IS THAT
TWERP WITH
THE BOB
CUT REALLY
PARDONNER?

Y-YEAH,
BUT...
WHY DO
YOU
KNOW
THAT?

ARGH!
WHY DIDN'T
I NOTICE
SOONER?!

OH,
RIGHT!
THAT'S
WHY MY
INJURIES
ARE
GONE!

PARDONNER'S
NOH IS
CORPOREAL
CONTROL!
HE CAN HEAL
ANYTHING!



BECAUSE
YOU'RE
VICE'S
ENEMY, OF
COURSE.

WHY?



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CRİK

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A
CROSSBOW
...



...AND
ARROW?

...YOUR
HEALING
ABILITY IS
IN VICE'S
WAY.

PARDONNER
...

CLIK

DŌJI MAY BE
UNBEATABLE,
BUT WHILE IN
HUMAN FORM,
CRUSHING THEIR
SPIRIT MEANS
DEATH!

WHA...

SO I'M
GONNA
KILL YOU.

A DŌJI'S ONLY
WEAKNESS, HIS
SPIRIT, IS LOCATED
WITHIN A RADIUS
OF ABOUT THREE
CENTIMETERS
BEHIND THE LOWER
PART OF THE
STERNUM KNOWN
AS THE XIPHOID
PROCESS.

HE'S...

AND SO
MUCH
KNOW-
LEDGE...

BUT HE
DIDN'T
EVEN
BLINK.

USUALLY,
VIOLENT
EMOTIONS
REVEAL
THEMSELVES
IN BODILY
SIGNS.

HOW
COULD
THIS
HAPPEN?

WHAT IF
SOMEONE
CAME?
YOU
SHOULD
DIE,
TOO.

SHUT
UP.

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(ENGEI TEMPLE. DECEASED: EKODA SHIN)



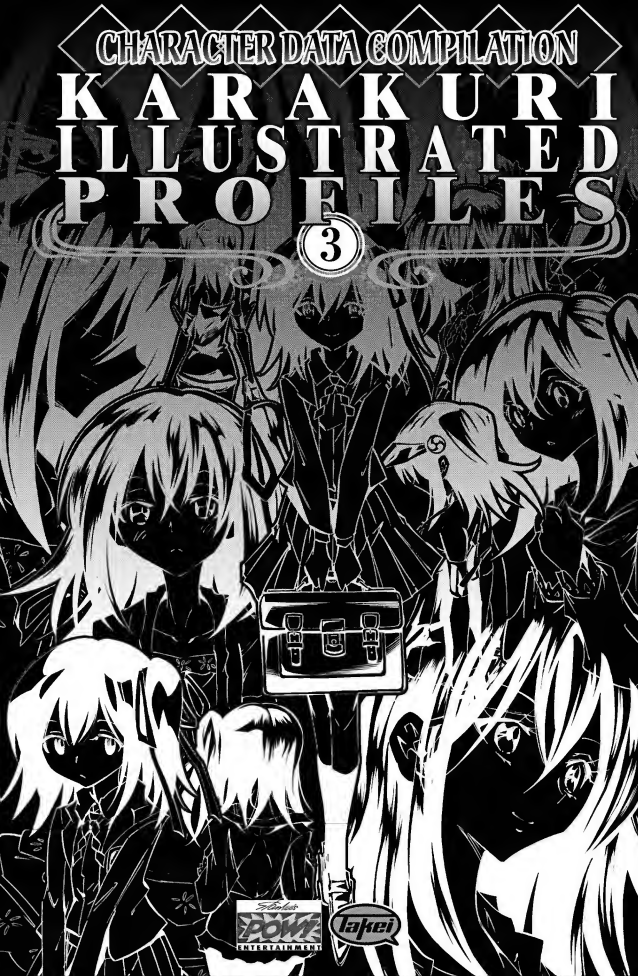


KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

CHARACTER DATA COMPILATION

KARAKURI ILLUSTRATED PROFILES

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Shogakukan
POW!
ENTERTAINMENT

Takei

MAKOTO GOD REGULA

マコト ゴッドレグラ 真琴・神猿

This is Sayama's special Icon compatible with an ICON Suit. Masters have a big influence on their Icons, so this one is sharper than Eco's. This Icon is still a mystery for the other masters.

Power: Memory Manipulation



ICONSUIT (MAKOTO)

アイコンスーツ (真琴)

ICON Suits also take various forms depending on the master. Common to them all is a tube that emits light and functions like a LAN, as well as the triple-comma crest also visible on the dōji. These somehow contain Dunstan's true intentions, but what can they possibly mean?

機巧童子とは…その3

「ICON」時、殿と童子を結ぶ有線ケーブルは「ICONスーツ」の着用によって無線化される。

その発動条件は「殿と童子の95%以上の意思の合致」と非常に厳しいものであるが、無痛、遠隔操作、裸にならずに済むというメリットは大きい。

尚、スーツ使用可能となった「ICON」には殿の名が冠され、通常の「ICON」に対し平均120%程の出力向上が認められている。

…続く

What is a KARAKURIDŌJI? Part 3

When in Icon form, master and dōji are connected by cables, but wearing an ICON Suit makes the connection wireless.

The condition for activating the suit is a 95% or greater unification of the master and dōji's wills. That is an extremely strict condition, but the benefits are significant—it's painless, allows for remote operation, and the master can keep his or her clothes on.

What's more, when use of a suit is possible for an Icon, its name begins with its master's name and its power output increases to an average of 120% that of the usual Icon.

...To Be CONTINUED



OGRE ORGULLO

オーガ オルグレオ

DEMON

Orgullo's Icon when he combines with his master Hidaka Akira. He only has rough control with his flame, so he can't use it very effectively.

Powers: Goen, Flame Koma, Serious Flame Koma



ORGULLO

オルグレオ

The evil karakuri dōji who embodies pride of the Seven Deadly Sins. Pride means having a big head and looking down on others. Confidence of unknown origin can lend strength, but it's rough when delicacy is called for, so Orgullo causes his master a lot of trouble. His current master is Hidaka Akira. His theme color is scarlet. His karakuri henge are based on koma (lion-dogs).

ORGULLO

オルグレオ

HUMAN VERSION

As pro golfer Hidaka Akira's servant and bodyguard, Orgullo tries to blend into society, but he's so big and rough that others find him suspicious. He's dedicating himself to learning about society.



HIROSHI

久米川 ヒロシ KUMEGAWA HIROSHI

Born Sept. 6, Virgo,
Blood type O, 21 years old

A member of the Hyottoko Gang. After suffering serious injuries during an Icon battle, he stopped being a master and went back to being a street punk. He believes wounds are badges of honor, so he refused being healed by Pardonner and has since dedicated himself to teaching his underlings. He likes Machi.

MACHI

椎名 マチ

SHINA MACHI

Born Aug. 3, Leo,
Blood type B, 28 years old

Owner of Machi's House of Fortune. She's a fraudulent fortune-teller in the same building as the Hyottoko Gang. She's a real no-nonsense type who doesn't even believe in fortune-telling. She unabashedly behaves as if it's her customers' fault for letting her trick them. She hangs out with Hiroshi and has entrusted Slow to Otake. She likes Hiroshi.



AKIRA

日高 了 HIDAKA AKIRA

Born July 23, Cancer,
Blood type A, 18 years old

A popular high school student and pro golfer. A very calculating individual, he calls his excellent ability to predict events "God Reading" and combines this with a firm grasp of human nature at work in the masses. On the other hand, his calculating nature prevents him from noticing the hold Sayama has over him. The only thing he likes is himself.

DR. SHAKUJII

石神井 小雲

KOUN SHAKUJII

Born Oct. 7, Libra,
Blood type AB, 88 years old

A doctor at Shakuji Medical. He was Pardonner's master, but Vice killed him. Rumor has it he was somehow involved with Matsu in the past, but how...? He likes origami.



STAN LEE

As a kid, Stanley Martin Lieber spent a lot of time dreaming up wild adventures. By the time he got to high school, he was putting his imagination to work writing stories at Timely, a publishing company that went on to become the legendary Marvel Comics. Starting with the *Fantastic Four*, Lee and his partner Jack Kirby created just about every superhero you can think of, including Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Hulk, Iron Man, Daredevil and Thor. Along the way, he wrote under many pen names, but the one that stuck was Stan Lee.

HIROYUKI TAKEI

Unconventional author/artist Hiroyuki Takei began his career by winning the coveted Hop Step Award (for new manga artists) and the Osamu Tezuka Cultural Prize (named after the famous artist of the same name). After working as an assistant to famed artist Nobuhiro Watsuki, Takei debuted in Weekly *Shonen Jump* in 1997 with *Butsu Zone*, an action series based on Buddhist mythology. His multicultural adventure manga *Shaman King*, which debuted in 1998, became a hit and was adapted into an anime TV series. Takei lists Osamu Tezuka, American comics and robot anime among his many influences.

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STAN LEE

"We are really excited about *Ultimo* vol. 8! I hope everyone will enjoy reading it as much as *Takei Sensei* and I enjoyed writing it. Since we're up to book 8, it's time for Shueisha to release *Ultimo* digitally because we now have enough content to do so. I am excitedly looking forward to the release of *Ultimo* digitally sometime in the very near future. Also please be sure to check out my new website at www.therealstanlee.com."

Excelsior!
Stan Lee

